



Los Angeles County AUDIT COMMITTEE

Louisa Ollague, Chair
1st District
Lori Glasgow, Vice-Chair
5th District
Clinton Tatum
2nd District
Gene Chough
3rd District
Carl Gallucci
4th District

April 4, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS--SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve ordinance extending the sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities to April 15, 2010.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/ JUSTIFICATION:

On December 1, 1994, the Audit Committee submitted its initial report in response to your Board's instruction to review the effectiveness of County commissions, committees and task forces defined under Chapters I and IV of the Los Angeles County Committee Book. Consistent with your Board's instructions, the Audit Committee is submitting the results of the evaluation of the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities (Commission) performed by the Auditor-Controller, and recommendations from Audit Committee for further action by your Board.

During this review period the Commission accomplished the following; continued to sponsor an annual Access Award Luncheon to recognize outstanding contributions to the disability community. Proceeds from the event were utilized to fund various community disability programs. Co-sponsored a Countywide Disability Mentoring Day, which provided students with disabilities with opportunities to shadow County managers in a normal workday. Created a brochure to increase awareness of the Commission, established a radio program for the disability community and began developing a website with access to disability-related resources. Lastly, the Commission worked with the Board and representatives of the film industry to promote and encourage the use of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant cable ramps during filming within the Los Angeles County.

FISCAL/FINANCING IMPACTS:

The members receive \$25 in compensation for each meeting attended, and reimbursement for necessary travel expenses.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Commission was established and has been continued by Board Order pursuant to Chapter 3.28 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Commission's most recent Board-approved sunset review date was April 15, 2005.

The Commission's duties are, with the assistance of County departments and the County's disabled community to advise the Board on the unique needs of people with disabilities, including but not limited to, the areas of health, employment, education, public attitudes barriers and recreation. The commission also makes recommendations for improving policies, systems and procedures; work with organizations to improve services; evaluates existing laws; suggests necessary legislation that the County may wish to sponsor; study and report on matters referred to the Commission by the Board.

The Commission consists of 18 members. Commission members are appointed by the Board and are generally people who have disabilities or are sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Extending the sunset review date for the Commission will allow this body to continue to represent and act on behalf of people with disabilities in Los Angeles County, to continue to increase its community involvement and public outreach, to establish an active website with links to disability resources, to create informational materials for the public, to develop a distinctive logo to increase recognition of the Commission and to continue to work with the Board to identify, support and address disability issues.

Respectfully submitted,



LOUISA OLLAGUE
Chairperson, Audit Committee

cc: Chief Administrative Office
Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors
Commission Services
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Chair, Commission on Disabilities



J. TYLER McCAULEY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 525
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2766
PHONE: (213) 974-8301 FAX: (213) 626-5427

February 28, 2006

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: J. Tyler McCauley
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
ON DISABILITIES**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to extend the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities' sunset review date to April 15, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Commission on Disabilities (Commission) was established by the Board on April 15, 1975, and is continued pursuant to Chapter 3.28 of the Los Angeles County Code. The most recent renewal was approved by the Board at the July 11, 2000 meeting.

The Commission's duties include to:

- Advise the Board, with the assistance of County departments and others, on the unique needs of people with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the areas of health, employment, public attitudes, barriers, and recreation.
- Conduct studies and make recommendations to the Board for improvement of policies, systems, and procedures in any areas the Commission feels are necessary and in the best interests of people with disabilities.
- Cooperate with organizations seeking to improve services to people with disabilities, and advise the Board on the efforts and activities being made for people with disabilities by other government agencies and private organizations.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

- Evaluate the adequacy of existing laws and proposed legislation related to people with disabilities from the County's perspective, and suggest necessary legislation for the County to sponsor.
- Study and report on matters referred to the Commission by the Board.

The Commission consists of eighteen members. Commission members are appointed by the Board and are generally people who have disabilities or are sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities.

From January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2005 the Commission held 51 meetings with an average attendance of 9.1 (51%) members per meeting. Commissioners receive a \$25 stipend for each meeting attended, as well as reimbursement for necessary travel expenses.

JUSTIFICATION

The Commission continues to work in conjunction with the Board, County departments, the disability community, and disability organizations, to ensure that people with disabilities are represented, issues that affect the disability community are addressed, and that citizens with disabilities have access to services and opportunities in Los Angeles County. The following are examples of the Commission's accomplishments over the last evaluation period:

- Continued to sponsor an annual Access Awards Luncheon to recognize outstanding contributions to the disability community. Proceeds from the event were utilized to fund various community disability programs.
- Co-sponsored a Countywide Disability Mentoring Day, which provided students with disabilities with opportunities to shadow County managers in a normal work day.
- Created a brochure to increase awareness of the Commission, established a radio program for the disability community and began developing a website with access to disability-related resources.
- Worked with the Board and representatives of the film industry to promote and encourage the use of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant cable ramps during filming within Los Angeles County.

The Commission's goals are to continue to represent and act on behalf of people with disabilities in Los Angeles County, to continue to increase its community involvement and public outreach, to establish an active website with links to disability resources, to

create informational materials for the public, to develop a distinctive logo to increase recognition of the Commission and to continue to work with the Board to identify, support and address disability issues.

Please call if you have any questions.

JTM:MMO:JLS:MR

Attachments

- c: Joanne Sturges, Acting Executive Officer
- Robin A. Guerrero, Chief, Board Operations
- Jim Corbett, Manager, Commission Services
- Janet Neal, Chair, Commission on Disabilities

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
REVIEW COMMENTS

Mission. (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance creating the Commission.
CONCUR

Section 1. Relevancy (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission advises the Board of Supervisors (Board) on the unique needs of the disabled, including, but not limited to, the areas of health, employment, education, public attitudes, barrier removal and recreation. The Commission also makes recommendations for improvement of policies, systems and procedures, works with organizations to improve services, strives to elevate existing law and suggests necessary legislation that the County may wish to sponsor. **RELEVANT**

Section 2. Meetings and Attendance. (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission is required to meet once a month. The Commissioner may waive the meeting requirement if the Commission agenda has no items requiring action. From January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2005 the Commission held 51 meetings with an average attendance of 9.1 (51%) members.
SATISFACTORY

Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results. (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

During this review period, the Commission's accomplishments included:

- Continued to sponsor the annual Access Awards Luncheon to recognize outstanding disabled individuals, and raise money to promote causes such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Masters Training Seminars, the Bill Tainter Public Service Internship/Scholarship for Students with Disabilities, and the 1460 KTYM AM Radio "Community Forum Program." The Bill Tainter Scholarship for Students with Disabilities assists disabled students in the pursuit of higher education, and the "Community Forum Program" provides a venue to discuss and promote the needs of the disability community.

- Co-sponsored a Countywide Disability Mentoring Day in observance of National Disability Mentoring Day. This provided students with disabilities the opportunity to shadow County managers in a normal work day, allowing them to gain insight into the work environment. In addition, it provided employers with insights to the potential of people with disabilities.
- Held a Commissioner Retreat to strategize and establish a set of current and future goals. As a result, the Commission began developing a website with access to disability-related resources. The Commission also created a brochure designed to increase awareness of the Commission, and established a "Community Forum Program" on 1460 KTYM AM Radio to discuss and promote the needs of the disability community.
- Submitted a letter to the Board requesting support for ADA-compliant cable ramps to be used by filming companies in the County. The Commission also met with these companies to promote rental of the ADA-compliant ramps while filming. **SIGNIFICANT**

Section 5. Objectives. (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

For the next evaluation period, the Commission's objectives are to continue to increase its community involvement and outreach to the public, establish an active website with links to disability resources, create informational materials for the public, develop a distinctive logo to increase recognition of the Commission, and continue to work with the Board to identify, support and address disability issues. **RELEVANT**

Section 6. Resources. (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

The Commission does not have a budget. However, the Commissioners are compensated \$25 per meeting whenever there is a quorum, not to exceed one meeting per month. **WARRANTED**

Section 7. Recommendation.

EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES TO APRIL 15, 2010.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
ATTENDANCE RECORD

Commissioner	Nominated by	3/31/00	6/30/00	9/30/00	12/31/00	3/31/01	6/30/01	9/30/01	12/31/01	3/31/02	6/30/02	9/30/02	12/31/02	3/31/03	6/30/03	9/30/03	12/31/03	3/31/04	6/30/04	9/30/04	12/31/04	3/31/05	6/30/05	Totals	% Attended
	Number of Meetings per Quarter	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	51	
Stephen Janzen	State Depart. Of Rehab.	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	3	0	3	1	34	67%
Kathleen C. Spear	1st District	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	2	1												16	59%
Tom R. Medrano	1st District	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									6	20%
Richard O. Krzyzanowski	1st District																	1	3	3	2	2	3	14	82%
Irma Resendez	1st District																					3	3	6	100%
Sharon E. Crillendon	2nd District	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	1												14	52%
Janet A. Neal	2nd District													1	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	3	3	17	74%
John B. Troost	2nd District	3	3	0	2	2	3	3	0	2	2	3	0	2	2	0	0	3	2	2	2	3	2	41	80%
Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr.	2nd District	1	1	0	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	0	1	1	35	69%
Sheila D. Wright	3rd District	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	35	69%
Bernard Siegel	3rd District													2	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	3	39	87%
Audrey B. Parker	3rd District	2	2	0	2	2	1																	9	64%
Kecia Brooke Weller	3rd District									1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	0	0	2	20	61%
Violet Vivian Corbett	4th District	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2%
Michael Gureckas	4th District	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	26	51%
Alex H. Beaum	4th District	3	3	0																				6	86%
Harley D. Rubenstein	4th District						1	3	1	3	3	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	3	28	70%
Robert M. Abell	5th District	1	2																					3	50%
Carlton L. Russell	5th District												2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	2	19	70%
Carol Lane	5th District	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	3	3	2	3	3	28	55%
Ruth Ann Acosta	5th District	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	15	29%
Billy Barty	5th District	0	0	0																				0	0%
Marilyn Artran	5th District	3	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	2													16	67%
Wendy Well	L.A. Co. Comm. On Deab.	3	2	1	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	37	73%
Totals		27	26	7	17	18	25	30	7	28	30	24	7	19	15	7	7	34	31	28	17	31	30	465	
																							Average Attendance Per Meeting		9.1